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Wayne settles lawsuit filed by city manager

John Rhaesa

Lisa Nocerini

Chris Sanders

Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini will receive an estimated $25,000 to $50,000 as a settlement of her civil lawsuit against former City Councilman Christopher Sanders. The settlement amount will be paid by the city insurance carrier as the actions cited in her claim occurred during Sanders' tenure on city council.

The settlement amount, according to a representative of the insurance carrier, is an amount "less than or equal to" anticipated legal fees to defend the city against Nocerini's claim. The settlement, approved by members of the city council during a closed session last week, includes a non-disclosure clause preventing either side from discussing the particulars of the negotiation but, the insurance carrier attorney cautioned, is not an admission of guilt or fault by anyone involved.

The suit alleged the damages were incurred during Sanders' term from November 2015 until May 2018 on the Wayne City Council. Nocerini claims, through her attorney Scott Ruark, she suffered damages when Sanders, 52, and Wayne resident Jimmie Lee Chandler, conspired, attempted and made a false report of a felony to the Wayne Police Department after stealing her keys and planting a starter pistol and drug paraphernalia in her car on Oct. 16, 2017.

She claims that Sanders paid Chandler $500 to conspire against her by planting the items and then reporting the crimes to the police.

She filed her suit on Oct. 15, 2020, three years after the alleged incident, although it was not referred to city council members or the city insurance carrier for consideration until last month.

Following approval of the settlement amount by a unanimous vote of council members Mayor John Rhaesa emotionally apologized to Nocerini.

"I am so sorry this happened to you," he said. "I think it is outrageous. Thank you for being the professional you are and sticking with us.

"Mr. Sanders, it is time for you to move out of the city of Wayne," he added.

While Rhaesa called Sanders' actions "outrageous," other residents felt that Rhaesa's remarks and Nocerini lawsuit better fit that description.

"As the city manager, she knows how the system works and exactly how this would be handled by the insurance company and, right or wrong, she would get a check. She is constantly reminding us that the city has no money while she hacks retirement health care and pensions, but she didn't hesitate to line her own pocket. This was just a money grab," one long-time resident

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Slippery slope

Township offering loan of sleds

Talk about a slick idea.

Residents can now enjoy the new Lending Sled Library at the Canton Township Summit on the Park. Residents can borrow a sled to slide down a small hill near the Summit and then return the sled when they are done enjoying the snow.

The 'Need a Sled - Use a Sled - Have Fun' feature is located at the east side of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. A small sledding hill is adjacent that offers a quick little ride next to the stand.

"We're excited to offer free access to these snow sleds, where anyone can walk by and use a sled to enjoy a few minutes playing in the snow," said Canton Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier. "It's great to see little ones enjoying the sledding on the Summit's small snow-covered hill, while they learn the value of sharing when they have to return it and leave with just the memory of some great outdoor winter fun."

A sign at the sled stand points out that sledding hills are completely unsupervised, uninspected, and ungroomed, so those who use the sledding hills are doing so at their own risk.

In addition, children must be supervised at all times and all sledders must watch out for the safety of others, officials said.

For more information about the Summit on the Park Sled Library, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call (734) 394-5460.

An outdoor enthusiast takes advantage of the fresh snow and the Summit on the Park Free Lending Sled Library. Photos courtesy of Canton Leisure Services

Nominations now accepted for annual city award

Nominations for the annual Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement will be accepted in Plymouth through April 30.

The award is named in honor of Ruth Huston-Whipple, the first woman elected as a city commissioner (1934-1949) and the first female mayor of Plymouth (1940-1942) and the first woman to serve on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

Ruth Huston-Whipple, first woman mayor of Plymouth

Huston-Whipple was a graduate of Plymouth High School and worked as a teacher and debate coach at her alma mater. She fought against school policies that discriminated against married women and eventually left the district in protest. She remained a leader in the Plymouth community, championing the improvement of inhumane conditions at a local juvenile detention center and addressing environmental and beautification concerns in the city.

During her tenure as an elected official Huston-Whipple organized the first city-wide refuse collection system in the city, served on the zoning board and represented Plymouth in the Michigan Municipal League. She was a tireless volunteer leader of local organizations including the Plymouth Historical Society, the Plymouth Woman's Club, the Plymouth Garden Club, the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club and the Plymouth Canteen Club War Service Committee.

Huston-Whipple's leadership and dedication to the community were more remarkable as she had been disabled at a relatively young age by a series of strokes.

The purpose of the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is to honor a community member who, like the woman for whom the award is named, has positively impacted the quality of life in the City of Plymouth through his or her exceptional civic and/or philanthropic engagement.

To be eligible for the award, individuals must have demonstrated civic and /or philanthropic engagement within the City of Plymouth which shows a community benefit, delivered with integrity and perseverance. Married couples can be nominated for the award but recipients of the award, current members of the Plymouth City Commission and full-time employees of the city are not eligible.

Nominees should have contributed to the city of Plymouth at a level above and beyond reasonable expectations and demonstrated character, commitment and/or leadership qualities. Nominees should have actively participated in community or civic organizations which influence the city and have exempli-

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The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Off-Season Markets in March and April at the Summit on the Park.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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Inkster police are investigating claims that the former Parks and Recreation Director had been privately renting the city recreation complex.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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Changes in the business climate imposed by health concerns during the pandemic have impacted plans for a new retail shop in downtown Northville.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
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Plymouth police are warning area residents of several phone scams which have been reported recently.

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The Romulus Athletic Center (RAC) has moved into Phase Two of its reopening plan, adhering to health and safety guidelines.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE
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Two alumni of Wayne Memorial High School are coming home and bringing a little star power with them.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE
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Westland officials are on a roll attempting to develop a bicycle and pedestrian action plan for the city.

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Sumpter - Romulus

Library branch may feature new coffee shop

Those visiting the Sumpter Township annex of the Belleville Public Library might soon be able to enjoy a coffee or sandwich with their reading.

Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark presented a plan to the members of the board of trustees during a workshop session earlier this month which would allow food trucks at the library site in the township.

The trucks would provide a convenience for library visitors, she said, but would also provide a portion of the revenue generated at the library site to be used for outreach programs for seniors and children. She said that she had also found available grants which could help the library fund programs in the community.

Clark's suggestion that the funding could be used to provide internet access outside the library prompted township Clerk Esther Hurst to explain that such access was already available.

"People can sit in their cars in the lot at the library and get internet access," Hurst said. She added that she was in favor of the food truck plan "as long as it doesn't cost the township any money." She asked what percentage of the food truck revenue would go to the library to fund outreach community activities.

> *Anything we can do for more community involvement, for seniors and children. This is positive thinking in the right direction.*

Clark said that the library would be in charge and that the township would not be involved in aspects of the funding.

Hurst said that was the most effective way to handle Clark's proposal because, "I don't think we should do the library's job."

Supervisor Tim Bowman asked if anyone had actually done research on the amount of money this type of event generates.

Clark said the trucks had been the center of two fundraisers at Belleville High School and were enormously popular. She said the trucks ran out of food during the first event and were nearly overwhelmed during the second. She said she believed the school had "made a lot of money" from the fundraisers and thought it was about "10 percent of the food truck profits."

Clark added that the food trucks are popular especially during the pandemic when people can't get to restaurants and said they would attract people to the area.

Trustee Matt Oddy said he hoped the library would consider the idea and reminded the board that the township leases the property to the library and that the library "has full control over what happens there."

Trustees agreed that Clark should refer the possible grant information and the food truck plan to library officials.

Trustee Don LaPorte said he commended Clark and her husband, Treasurer Jim Clark, for the research and the idea.

"Anything we can do for more community involvement, for seniors and children," he said. "This is positive thinking in the right direction."

Romulus Athletic Center begins phase 2 opening

The Romulus Athletic Center (RAC) has moved into Phase Two of its reopening plan, adhering to health and safety guidelines set by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Wayne County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

"After careful consideration and closely following the safety recommendations of health experts, we are pleased to announce the Romulus Athletic Center has moved forward with its reopening plan," said Romulus Athletic Center Manager Andy Mackay. "We know the athletic center plays a role in supporting the health and wellness of residents, so safely reopening and offering the services our members rely on has been a priority since the start of the pandemic."

The lazy river, lap pool and hot tub have reopened at 25 percent capacity to members only from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturdays and noon - 5 p.m. on Sundays. Masks will be required at all times while on the pool deck and in the hot tub and lazy river, except for when swimming.

The basketball courts, have also been reopened at 25 percent capacity to members only for small groups or practice play. Courts can also be reserved per party to further maximize safe social distancing and avoid in-person interaction.

The men's and women's locker rooms have reopened and will undergo routine cleanings, including after each individual use of the family locker room, a light cleaning every 15 minutes, a deep cleaning every two hours and a nightly power wash, Mackay said.

At this time, select workout equipment will remain off the gym floor and dance classes will remain in the gym and banquet areas. Day passes are not permitted but the athletic center is accepting new memberships.

"I want to thank the Romulus Athletic Center team for their hard work in preparing for the safe second phase of reopening, as well as residents for their patience throughout the process," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "Like many cities, Romulus has been greatly impacted by COVID-19, but together we have stayed resilient and Romulus Strong. I'm eager to see our community work together as we continue to push through the pandemic and maintain our momentum in the years to come."

To learn more about the Romulus Athletic Center or to become a member, visit https://romulusathleticcenter.com/ or call (734) 942-2223.

Moving up

Romulus Police Department Cpl. Ryan Miller is congratulated by Police Chief Robert Pfannes on his recent promotion to the rank of sergeant. Miller has been a member of the Romulus department for more than 10 years and as a Field Training Officer has helped train many of the current officers on the force.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2021
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 8th, 2021	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 10th , 2021	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ITB 20/21-11 - PROJECT #0155-20-0040
BARTH ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
INVITATION TO BID

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the **Barth Road Water Main Replacement and Road Reconstruction Project.** The project is located on the approximately 0.9-mile stretch of Barth Road between Hannan Road and Huron River Drive. The work includes installing 12-inch water main centered in the westbound lane and abandoning the existing 8-inch water main, new asphalt placed on a reconstructed westbound lane, and new asphalt placed on a pulverized eastbound lane.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 PM local time, on March 9, 2021. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 20/21-11 - Project #0155-20-0040 BARTH ROAD
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

The public opening of all timely received bids will be provided virtually via "Zoom" at approximately 2:30 p.m., local time 3/9/2021. Log in information for the "Zoom" meeting can be obtained by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com or utilizing the information provided in the bid documents.

Contract documents for this project shall be on file after 1:00 PM, February 23, 2021, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined at the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711). Bid forms may also be viewed at or downloaded from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn).

Questions regarding the project may be submitted only to Rich Hobgood of OHM via email (rich.hobgood@ohm-advisors.com) before Tuesday, March 2, 2021 by 5:00 P.M. No communication is permitted between companies and other City Departments, Divisions Officials or employees prior to the award of the bid unless sanctioned by the City's Purchasing Director.

Bid security in the form of a certified or cashier's check or suitable bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to postpone the bid opening without notification and to accept or reject any bid and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the contract in whole or in part.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the Members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth
Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Services; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Kathy Hood - Assistant Director of DPW

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo t**o accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #21-028** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 25, 2021 @ 7:30p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #21-029** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on January 25, 2021 at 5:30pm for a closed session to discuss attorney opinion & at 6:00pm for a study session to discuss economic development tools and incentives. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - no petitioners at this meeting
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. **Res. #21-030** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in recognition of former Councilman Brooker Edwards. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Res. #21-031 Moved by William **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Lois Gilstorff for her retirement after 40 years of service to the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #21-032** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award RFP 20/21-04 to Thalner Electronics Labs, DBA Tel Systems, for updating the City Council Chambers AV and presentation systems, in the amount of $119,144.36 with an additional 15% ($17,871.65) contingency to be used in the event of any unforeseen costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #21-033** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-13 Cable for Council Chambers Audio/Visual Remodel in the amount of $50,000.00, introduced at a regular City Council Meeting on January 25, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - nothing to report from Treasurer.
8. **Public Comment** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes.
9. **Unfinished Business** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes.
10. **New Business**
    Res. #21-034 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to schedule the Spring No-Fee Permit City-Wide Yard Sale for June 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2021, with rain dates being June 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
11. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by Kathy Abdo to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 1, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Winter Indoor Markets to open at Summit

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Off-Season Markets in March and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. The markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, and April 18, in the Banquet Center at the Summit on the Park, located on 46000 Summit Parkway.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in these Off-Season Farmers Markets, including: Pick Michigan - featuring produce, eggs, and tortillas; Kapnick Orchards - featuring apples, apple cider, and baked goods; Simply Gourmet Fresh - featuring salsa, chips, and gourmet butter; The Cheese People of Grand Rapids - featuring cheese; Boblin Honey- featuring honey; Spicegrrrl LLC - featuring spices; The Pasta Shop Plymouth - featuring pasta and sauce; Kapolnek Farms LLC - featuring USDA Certified Beef; One Tough Cookie - featuring designed sugar cookies; Sign Woodworks - featuring unique signs and crafts; Vera's Kuntry Bakery - featuring pies, cookies, candy and more and Olde Crow Primitives - featuring seasonal crafts, signs, and candles.

"We're always excited to bring back our off-season markets to the Summit on the Park," said Canton Farmers Market Supervisor Jennifer Franz. "Now more than ever we are glad that we're able to help support our local farmers and crafters who provide access to healthy food sources and unique items."

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All market-goers, vendors, and staff will be required to properly wear face masks, covering both mouth and nose, as well as abide by social distancing requirements. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

All of these indoor Off-Season Farmers Markets will pick up where the outdoor regular season of the Canton Farmers Market left off. The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will re-open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, May 9, and will be open every Sunday through Oct. 11 in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496, contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5375.

Planning commission OKs changes to building

Changes in the business climate imposed by health concerns during the pandemic have impacted plans for a new retail shop in downtown Northville.

Members of the Northville Planning Commission reviewed new plans submitted by Dominic Maltese for changes to the construction at 345 Cady St. during their Feb. 2 meeting.

While a retail shop had originally been planned for the first floor of the three-story building, Maltese submitted new plans which would has a café or coffee shop on the street level of the building. The two upper floors are still designated as rental office space as originally approved by the commission.

Maltese said the new plan would complement patrons at Tipping Point Theatre located across the street from the building and would be an asset to the community.

Commissioners' only concern was the required parking with the change but Sally Elmiger from Carlisle Wortman and Associates, a firm which assists city planning in Northville, said recalculations based on the new information and plan would not require any additional parking spaces.

The revised plan will now go before members of the city council for final approval.

Dirty job

Inspections of home recycling bins planned

It's a dirty job, but Canton Township will get it done.

In an effort to eliminate contamination in curbside recycling carts, township personnel will conduct a Quality Improvement Program beginning in April.

Officials explained that contamination occurs when non-recyclables like food waste to plastic bags are placed with the recyclable material in the carts. Recycling loads with contamination are rejected from the recycling facility and sent to the landfill and when the landfill fills up, the waste will have to be hauled to a facility further away which will dramatically increase collection costs to residents.

Officials explained that similar inspection programs around the country have reduced the amount of contamination by an average of 35 percent.

Beginning April 19, crews will begin inspecting residential recycling carts placed at the curb. It will be a non-invasive search with crew members simply lifting the lid to glance inside. Crews will be specifically looking for garbage or bagged recyclables; plastic bags or plastic wrap; cords, hoses or chains; food or liquid (this includes greasy pizza boxes); hazardous waste or needles.

If any of these contaminates are discovered in a resident's cart, they will be issued a warring tag listing the specific contaminate found. Should the contaminants be found during a subsequent inspection, the cart will be rejected and left at the curb. Collection can resume the following week, as long as all contaminants are removed from the cart. This is an eight-week program with each home in Canton being inspected four times, officials said.

Residents will receive two direct mail pieces before the program begins with detailed information. Additional information can also be found in Focus newsletters and on the website.

Officials also reminded residents to rinse off containers and cans before placing them in the recycling cart.

Canton wins finance report award

Canton Township has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 29th consecutive year by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. "I'm really proud of the teamwork of our finance department to help ensure we have solid financial information available to our board and taxpayers," said Wendy Trumbull, township director of finance and budget. Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak agreed.

"Canton's finance department proves year after year that our residents' hard-earned tax dollars are being allocated wisely," she said.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE §67.42

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §67.42 (Fireworks) at their Regular Meeting on March 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of February 18, 2021.

The proposed amendment to §67.42 Paragraph B will state:

Consumer fireworks (1.4g). Consumer fireworks are prohibited and shall not be ignited, discharged or used. Exception: Unless specifically permitted by the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Act 256 of 2011 as amended. The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act restricts a local unit of government from regulating the use of consumer fireworks on specific dates and time.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed by appointment during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.
Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 10, 2021 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Monday, March 8th, 2021	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 9th, 2021	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend/participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice. A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

Michael A. Siegrist, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2021 Board of Review will conduct hearings held by either electronic remote access, unless by the dates of the March Board of review meetings it becomes lawful under state agency rules for an indoor in-person public meeting to be held. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individual in an indoor public gathering. If in-person public meetings become a lawful option, then the meetings will allow to be heard in-person at Northville Township Hall 44405 6 Mile Rd., Northville.

To access the March Board of Review meeting, visit the Township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/RemoteMeetings for participation options and instructions.

Write-in appeals will be accepted up until the last meeting date of the Board of Review on March 12, 2021 by 11:00 a.m. Postmarks not accepted. Drop Box available.

The following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2021 assessments are by appointment.
Starting February 22, 2021 you may call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday	March 02, 2021	9:00 am	Organizational Meeting Only (no hearings)

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday	March 8, 2021	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	March 9, 2021	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 11, 2021	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	March 12, 2021	9:00 am to 11:00 am

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website: twp.northville.mi.us under Assessor's Department or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Agricultural……50.00%….1.0000
Commercial……49.29%….1.0144
Industrial……49.22%….1.0158
Residential……49.25%.....1.1523
Timber-Cutover……50.00%.....1.0000
Developmental.....50.00%.....1.0000
Personal Property…...50.00%.....1.0000

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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Inkster - Plymouth

Area police warn of multiple phone scams

Plymouth police are warning area residents of several phone scams which have been reported recently.

Crime Prevention Bureau Ofc. Tony Angelosanto urged residents to use caution and common sense if they are contacted by telephone, computer or regular mail by someone claiming to need cash for a bail bond; notices of needed computer service or repairs; actions regarding unemployment benefits or even offers of filing tax returns. In a recent notice from the city, Angelosanto urged residents who might be contacted about one of these topics to always check with their family or friends who may be mentioned in the scam.

In one scam, a "grandson" asks for bail money or bus fare to get home from out of state and in another, an email claims that a "fatal error" has been found on the computer or software being used.

Angelosanto suggested that individuals ask the caller for a registered address that can be verified or simply ignore the contact by hanging up on the caller, ignoring the email or text message or throwing away the mail notification.

> *A good rule of thumb is that if you did not initiate the call or contact, do not give out your personal information.*

He suggested that anyone who is contacted about or has been victimized by these scams contact the police department.

A good rule of thumb is that if you did not initiate the call or contact, do not give out your personal information, Angelosanto advised.

He also cautioned that extra care and caution should be exercised during this time of year when filing tax returns. He advised residents to make sure they are using a reputable tax or accounting firm and if filing personally on the computer, make sure to use a secure web page or program.

Residents who have questions or concerns about a possible scam can contact Angelosanto at the Plymouth Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau (734) 453-1234 ext 526.

Missing community center rental fees questioned

Inkster police are investigating claims that the former parks and recreation director had been renting the city recreation complex through a private company in which he was a managing partner.

Alex Legion, who had been with the city for a short time, according to officials, was the managing partner and organizer of Signature Milestones LLC listed in state records. Officials said rental fees for the municipal buildings were paid to Signature Milestones in amount totaling about $1,200. That money, according to Mayor Patrick Wimberly, was used to renovate and furnish Legion's city office.

A request for a police investigation into Legion's financial dealings and possible embezzlement was approved by a 5-0 vote of the city recreation commission members at their Feb. 11 meeting. Chairperson of the commission, Shirley Hankerson, wrote to members of the city council regarding the situation explaining that the commission was not satisfied with the communication from the mayor regarding the situation.

"Questions were raised about the misuse of public funds with the Parks and Recreation Department as well as the prosecution of the past director, Alex Legion, who is suspected of embezzlement from the department's due revenue and was allowed to resign from his position and not terminated," the communication read.

"Mayor Wimberly stated that he and the Chief of Police William T. Riley, III, launched an investigation but decided that he (Legion) should pay the money back. We contend that there was a grave miscarriage of justice for the city of Inkster in that the investigations did not result in definitive answers as to what are the true circumstances of the situation."

Hankerson said the facility rental fees were not deposited with the city treasurer and that she and the other commissioners do not feel there was a thorough investigation. Hankerson said she wants an outside investigation by the Michigan State Police, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department or the state attorney general.

Wimberly said that Legion had, in fact, repaid the $1,200 to the city although officials were unaware that Legion's company had also received a $1,500 rental fee from the Biden presidential campaign for a Nov. 2 event at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center featuring actress Kerry Washington.

The Biden campaign reported paying $1,500 to Signature Milestones LLC for rental of the facility on campaign finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission. It appears that money was not deposited in city accounts or repaid although the investigation is continuing, Wimblerly said. "It's a company that he's affiliated with. Why would the Biden campaign write a check to the parks and rec director?"

Alex Legion

Wimberly said the matter can best be handled by the city police department and that an outside investigation into the situation is not necessary.

Award

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fied accomplishments and contributions to the economic vitality and/or residential quality of life in the city.

Nominations forms are available at www.plymouthmi.gov. A selection committee including two mayor-appointed city commissioners and a representative from the city administration will choose and notify the winners.

The first winner of the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement was presented to Debra Madonna last year. Madonna founded the Miracle League of Plymouth, which provides special needs children with mental and physical disabilities a chance to play and experience baseball. Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries. The Miracle League of Plymouth played its first season in the fall of 2011.

Debra Madonna

The award also recognized Madonna's service as a board member for the Plymouth Community Arts Council and her roll in the organization of the Wednesday Music in the Park children's concerts series in Kellogg Park among many other contributions to the quality of life in the city.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
March 17, 2021- 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for March 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM by electronic remote access via Zoom. For information on how to view and participate in the meeting, **please visit the township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/.** The ZBA will consider the following variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance for property at 19171 Clement Road:

- Article 18.1, Schedule of Regulations (Front Yard Setback)
- Article 22.5 (C), Non-Conforming Structures (Expansion of Non-Conforming Side Yard Setback)

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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SYNOPSIS
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Roger Lundberg, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - **A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
   - Removed Item 5.H. Public Services - Water Tower Maintenance Contract
   - Removed Item 5.I. Public Services - Water & Sewer Expansion Bid Award
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - **A. Planning Commission - Edward McCall** - Approved
   - **B. Planning Commission - Matthew Wilk** - Approved
   - **C. Landfill Working Committee Report** - Presented
3. **Public Hearing: None**
4. **Brief Public Comments:** One resident had a question or comment for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   - **A. Supervisor's Office - Rescind Resolution 2020-109** - Approved
   - **B. Clerk's Office - Voting Station Purchase** - Approved
   - **C. Public Services - Temporary Sign Request -** Approved
   - **D. Finance - Poverty Exemption Policy** - Approved
   - **E. Public Safety - Vehicle Purchase -** Approved
   - **F. Public Services - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Options** - Approved
   - **G. Public Services - Risk and Resiliency Assessment & Emergency Response Plan** - Approved
   - ~~**H. Public Services - Water Tower Maintenance Contract**~~ - Removed
   - ~~**I. Public Services - Water & Sewer Expansion Bid Award**~~ - Removed
   - **J. Manager's Office - Roberts Consulting Agreement -** Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:**
   - **A. Introduction - Fire Prevention Amendment** - Introduced
   - **B. Introduction - Fireworks Amendment -** Introduced
8. **Check Registry:**
   - **A. In the amount of $1,695,095.66 for the period of January 9, 2021 to February 5, 2021.** - Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - **A.** Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen and Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on February 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE Chapter 79

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance Chapter 79 (Fire Prevention) at their Regular Meeting on March 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of February 18, 2021.

Chapter 79 Fire Prevention - Proposed Amendments
79.1 STATUTORY AUTHORITY - ACTION: None

79.2 ADOPTION OF STANDARDS BY REFERENCE - ACTION: AMEND AS FOLLOWS:
A certain document, one copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Charter Township of Northville, being marked and designated as the "~~2015~~ **2021** Edition of the International Fire Code and the Appendix chapters" as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Northville in the State of Michigan for the control of buildings, structures and premises as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 79-5 of this chapter.

79.3 TITLE - ACTION: AMEND AS FOLLOWS:
This chapter shall be known as the "Fire ~~Prevention~~ Code of the Charter Township of Northville."

79.4 AVAILABILITY OF COPIES OF CODE - ACTION: None

79.5 AMENDMENTS TO CODE - ACTION: AMEND AS NOTED BELOW:
The following sections and subsections of the Fire Code identified in § 79-2 are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated hereafter. Subsequent section numbers used in this section shall refer to like numbered sections of the International Fire Code.

A. Section 101.1 is amended to read as follows:
a. 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Northville and are hereafter referred to as the "code."
B. Section 112.4 is amended to read as follows (note section 109.4 has been moved to 112.4):
a. 112.4 Violation penalties. ~~Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a **[SPECIFY OFFENSE]**, punishable by a fine of not more than **[AMOUNT]** dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding **[NUMBER OF DAYS]**, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.~~
~~Section 109.4 is amended to read as follows:~~
~~109.4. Penalties.~~ Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to the following penalties:
1. The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular section:
(a) First offense. The civil infraction for a first offense violation shall be in the amount determined by the Charter Township of Northville's fee schedule, established by the Board of Trustees, plus costs and other sanctions for each offense.
(b) Repeat offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a repeat offense shall be in the amount determined by the Charter Township of Northville's fee schedule, established by the Board of Trustees, plus costs and other sanctions for each offense.
2. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of, the chapter.
3. Continuing offense. Each act of violation, and on each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.
4. Remedies not exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for by the Code of the Charter Township of Northville, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.
5. The Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to impose costs, damages and expenses as provided by the law.
6. A municipal civil infraction shall not be a lesser included offense of a criminal offense or of an ordinance violation which is not a civil infraction.
C. Section 307.1 is amended to read as follows:
a. 307.1 General. Open burning and outdoor fires shall be conducted in compliance with the written Outdoor Fire Guidelines of the Northville Township Fire Department as established by the Fire Code Official. ~~Printed copies of the Outdoor Fire Guidelines are available to the public at the Fire Department during regular business hours.~~ **This document can be accessed via the Township website or upon request to the Northville Township Fire Department.**
b. Remove IFC Sections 307.4, 307.4.1, 307.4.2 and 307.4.3.
D. Section 1103.5.3 is amended to read as follows:
a. 1103.5.3 Group I-2, Condition 2. In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing buildings of Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed as established by the adopting ordinance **and the Michigan Building Code.**
E. Section 5704.2.9.6.1 is amended to read as follows:
a. 5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited. **Storage is limited in all zoning districts except Office, Research & Technology (ORT) & Industrial and subject to special land use approval.**
F. Section 5706.2.4.4 is amended to read as follows:
a. 5706.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited. **Storage is limited in all zoning districts except Office, Research & Technology (ORT) & Industrial and subject to special land use approval**.
G. Section 5806.2 is amended to read as follows:
a. 5806.2 Limitations. Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited. Storage capacity is limited in all zoning districts except Office, Research & Technology (ORT) & Industrial and subject to special land use approval.
H. Section 6104.2 is amended to read as follows:
a. 6104.2 Maximum capacity within established limits. Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation shall not exceed a water capacity of 2,000 gallons (7570 L). **Storage capacity is limited in all zoning districts except Office, Research & Technology (ORT) & Industrial and subject to special land use approval.**
i. Exception: In particular installations, this capacity limit shall be determined by the fire code official, after consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of occupancy, and proximity to buildings, capacity of proposed LP-gas containers, degree of fire protection to be provided and capabilities of the local fire department.

79.6 AFFECT ON EXISTING ACTIONS - ACTION: None

79.7 AFFECT ON EXISTING VIOLATIONS - ACTION: None

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed by appointment during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Walk and Roll

Westland to establish pedestrian accessibility action committee

Westland officials are on a roll attempting to develop a bicycle and pedestrian action plan for the city.

The plan, called Walk and Roll Westland, is an effort to identify how to better connect residents with areas of high demand, including areas of commercial activity and city recreational amenities.

As a part of the planning process, the city will establish a steering committee which will help to brainstorm ideas, gather input, review data and identify priority biking and walking routes.

"This plan will represent the most detailed non-motorized planning efforts yet by the city," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "The steering committee will play an essential role in creating the plan which builds on previous non-motorized planning efforts conducted as a part of the city's 2017 Master Plan."

During the past few years, the City of Westland has started to build awareness around bicycling and pedestrian safety and has start implementing more bicycling facilities, officials said. However, a more defined framework plan is needed to guide Westland in project implementation, they added. The city would like to develop a Bike Network Vision Plan that identifies the routes most needed in the community. The plan will focus on identifying corridors to better connect the city via non-motorized routes. The overall goal is to identify and implement routes that connect to both Hines Drive and the park system along the Rouge River, as well as the Lower Rouge trail and park system in the City of Wayne. Safe, comfortable, and convenient non-motorized facilities will help connect residents to schools, parks, jobs, recreation opportunities, and other amenities in the community, officials said.

Steering Committee members will be asked to join representatives from the administration, key community stakeholders, as well as appointed and elected officials in attending four meetings throughout this year.

OHM Advisors will facilitate the planning process and plan creation of the Walk and Roll Westland. In November of 2020, the City of Westland was awarded a Planning Assistance Grant from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) in the amount of $32,740. The total cost of the project will total $40,000 with the remaining $7,260 being paid for from the Westland general fund.

Anyone interested in serving on the Walk and Roll Westland Steering Committee or who would like more information, can contact Nicole Jones in the planning department at (734)467-9342.

State responds to vaccine appointment difficulty

The family of an 81-year-old woman from Westland is hoping she will receive her first dose of the COVID vaccine this week.

Dorothy Bigalow's family members were concerned about the difficulty in scheduling a vaccination for her. Her daughter, Sue Woody, said she and her three sisters have worked practically non-stop to try and schedule an appointment for the vaccine for their mother through Wayne County.

They were finally successful in securing an appointment this week as Wayne County offered vaccination clinics in Canton/Plymouth, Inkster and Romulus for seniors. While appointments went quickly, and phone lines were overloaded with those seeking appointments, Bigalow was expected to receive her first innoculation.

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the chief medical executive of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, shared a message Wednesday for people like Bigalow who want to be vaccinated, but haven't been able to schedule an appointment yet.

"We know there are many other people who want to get a vaccine, and there simply are not enough vaccines available for everyone who wants one right now," Khaldun said. "For everyone who hasn't yet received a vaccine, either because an appointment hasn't been available or you are not yet eligible, we and our local health departments, our hospitals and our other partners, thank you for your patience."

Bigalow's members said they are terrified she might contract the virus which would be life-threatening for her considering her age and physical condition.

"We will all keep working around the clock until everyone who wants a vaccine is able to get one. So until then, to protect others who are not yet vaccinated, and even after you receive yours, wear your mask, socially distance and wash your hands," Khaldun advised.

"There is hope ahead, but it's critical that we all remain vigilant as we work together to end this pandemic."

As of Feb. 17, the state of Michigan has administered 1,657,215 vaccines, according to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Up to date information regarding vaccine eligibility, safety and clinic locations is available at Michigan.gov/COVID.

Residents who don't have access to the internet or who struggle to use a computer can also call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, which is available from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thank you

Michigan State Representative Kevin Coleman, far left, presents Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa with a donation from AT&T in the amount of $2500 for the care and upkeep of the Wayne Veteran's Memorial. The funding will be used for annual maintenance at the site near Wayne City Hall dedicated to the memory of those who have served in the armed forces.

2 new firefighters join Westland force

Westland welcomed two new firefighters to the department last month. Scott Petrievich is from Clinton Township and attended Oakland Community College where he earned state firefighter I and II certifications. He is currently pursuing certification as a licensed paramedic. Prior to joining the Westland department, Petrievich Scott worked for a private ambulance company operating out of the Detroit area.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of the Westland Fire Department and look forward to serving here," he said.

Mike Baughman started his career in the fire service in 2008 with Farmington Hills Fire Department as a paid on call firefighter. Through Farmington Hills Fire, he obtained his fire I & II training, Hazmat awareness, Hazmat operations, and EMT-B license. He served with the department for seven years before taking leave to open his own business. He and his wife own a dog training business and provide private training lessons. About a year and a half ago, Baughman joined the Green Oak Township Fire Department as a paid on call member. In 2020 he was hired onto the Inkster Fire Department as a career member.

"I am excited and proud to begin a career with the Westland Fire Department and to serve the citizens of Westland," Baughman said.

Lawsuit

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said.

A second resident noted that Rhaesa's comments suggesting Sanders leave the city were "way out of bounds" and that the animosity between the two goes back nearly a decade. "They despise each other. It's like a blood feud."

"This is what residents in Wayne have come to expect from the triumvirate of Rhaesa, Nocerini and Ruark," Sanders said. "This was unethical at best."

Sanders said he had no idea what the amount of the settlement was but felt it was unfair that he did not have a chance to respond to Nocerini's charges which he called "scurrilous and false." He noted that the criminal charges filed against him had not yet been adjudicated and that he has not had the opportunity to defend himself.

Both Sanders and Chandler were criminally charged on June 16, 2020 with conspiracy to file a false felony report, filing a false felony report and attempting to file a false felony report. Chandler entered a guilty plea on those charges and was sentenced early this month to 18 months probation on reduced charges after implicating Sanders during a police interview on a separate warrant.

Scott Ruark

Sanders' criminal attorney, John Cahalan, said that he expects the outcome of the jury trial will be favorable to Sanders. Cahalan said that Sanders vehemently denies all the allegations in the criminal complaint and his innocence will be clearly established. He said that Nocerini's allegations in the civil suit were "simply that, baseless allegations."

It's official

Gino Criscenti was sworn in as an officer of the Wayne Police Department at the regular meeting of the city council recently. Criscenti recently graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and immediately began his departmental orientation process. Criscenti will fill a vacant position already budgeted for the department, officials said.

Classified

TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD CALL 734-467-1900

59. Auctions

VEHICLES LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON MARCH 5TH, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M. DALTON TOWING 27218 CURRIER ST. DEARBORN HTS., MI 48125

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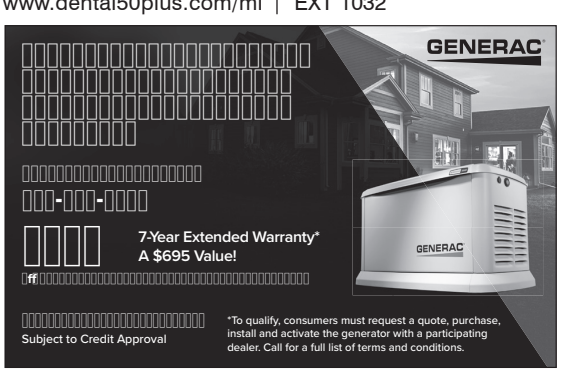
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Wayne

Hello Hollywood

Wayne High School graduates planning local film festival

Who says you can't go home again?

Two alumni of Wayne Memorial High School are coming home and bringing a little TV star power with them.

Antoine McKay and his wife, Michelle Guernsey-McKay, are hosting a film festival this summer at the historic State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue.

The first Wayne International Independent TV and Film Festival will begin accepting entries in multiple categories and genres at the end of this month. The festival will take place Sept. 9-12.

McKay, who has been a professional actor for 20 years. After graduating from Wayne Memorial High School, he honed his skills at the Eastern Michigan University theatre arts program. He began his professional career at Second City in both Detroit and Chicago and he has appeared in countless commercials. His television credits include roles in Detroit 187, ER, Prison Break, and Sports Action Team. He has also appeared in feature films including The Weatherman with Nicolas Cage, Someone to Eat Cheese With alongside Jeff Garland, Standing in the Shadows of Motown and Osso Bucco with Mike Starr. His most recent appearances were in Empire and Review and South Side on Comedy Central.

McKay and his wife, along with their children, now reside just outside Chicago. Wayne, however, remains their real home town.

Michelle Guernsey-McKay was a special education teacher for almost 20 years with degrees in dance education and a masters degree in special education from Wayne State University. A self-taught stained glass mosaic artist, she recently renewed her love for acting, guest starring in the film Fatal Influence: like, follow, share, and in The G on Prime video, along with starring in the television show Michelle S. Bitts, Ph.D, filmed in Wayne.

The couple is confident the planned film festival will bring hundreds, if not thousands, of visitors to Wayne. McKay has data at his fingertips explaining just how popular film festivals are and the enormous benefit the events bring to suburban communities.

They shared some of those statistics with members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club during their meeting last week as the guest speakers.

The couple, along with festival directors James and Margie Shabazz, is confident that their vision could become "the premier Midwest film festival, and a trusted doorway for connecting indie filmmakers, artists and producers to industry executives as they take the next steps in their career."

Awards and prizes will be presented in categories including: Best Narrative Feature, Best Narrative Short,

Michelle Guernsey-McKay

Antoine McKay

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Best Documentary Feature, Best Documentary Short, Best Experimental, Best Animation, Best Science Fiction/Fantasy, Best Horror

Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Editor, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best TV Series/Pilot/Web, Best Comedy, Best First Time Filmmaker and Best Female Filmmaker

All the directors/content creators of selected films will be invited, and expected to attend and talk about their work in post-screening discussions. These discussions will be hosted by filmmakers, journalists and experts in the subject of the film.

Works can be submitted regardless of when they were completed and submissions do not have to be premieres to be selected for exhibition. Works in progress may be submitted, but only during the Late or Extended deadlines and only if the film will be completed for final review at least seven weeks before the festival opening. The review committee will only watch one version of entered films. Films that have had a limited commercial theatrical run or other distribution are allowed to submit.

There is no limit on number of works submitted, but each entry must be separate, appropriately labeled and accompanied by the required fee.

Earlybird deadline for entry is Feb. 28 while the regular deadline for submission is March 31. There is also a late deadline in June. For more information or submit an entry, access the Wayne International TV and Film Festival website.

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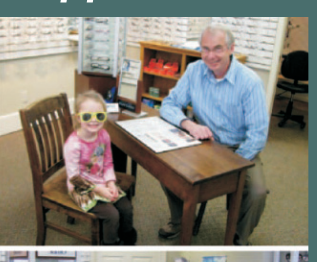

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